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# Mustang

## DAILY

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## We will always remember



CRYSTAL MEYERS/MUSTANG DAILY

Journalism junior Lisa Olmo carries the remembrance banner Thursday night along with her sorority sisters. The parade of candles started at the plaza in the Mission and proceeded in silence through Farmer's Market and ended back at the Mission. Over 600 people attended the vigil in silent memory of the Sept. 11 attacks honoring those who died and their relatives. Look for the full story in Monday's Mustang Daily.

## Final recognition for Phi Delta Theta

San Luis Obispo Planning Commission approves 'use permit' for fraternity, discusses big box ordinance

By Kat Corey

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In the midst of rush week, fraternity Phi Delta Theta has gained much more than a few new pledges.

The 75-member fraternity was welcomed to the neighborhood Wednesday night as it was officially granted 1264 Foothill Blvd. as a place to call home. The San Luis Obispo Planning Commission voted 4-2 in favor of the frat house request.

John Shoals, associate planner for the city of San Luis Obispo, explained at the meeting that granting the fraternity a "use permit" will heighten restrictions on the fraternity and give Cal Poly and the police department more control over them. For example, he said, they are only allowed to have 18 people on the premises at any given time, and they must submit a calendar of events at the beginning of each year to be approved by the city.

So why would a fraternity want to apply for a "use permit?"

Chris Allen, vice president of Phi Delta Theta, said their main reason for requesting a "use permit" is because without it, it is illegal to put fraternity letters on a house.

"We want people to know that it is our frat house," Allen said.

He said a few years ago they had an unofficial house in north San Luis Obispo, but they wanted something closer to campus and they liked the character of the Foothill house. Members of the fraternity have already been living there for two years now, Allen said, and nothing will change except that the whole fraternity will be associated with the house.

Along with the "use permit" come many rules and regulations, not to mention a hefty price. Shoals said if they receive two noise violations within six months, they may have

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## Football fireworks

Delta Upsilon and ASI sponsor fireworks show as part of Centennial Celebration

By Jana Larsen  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Plan on this weekend's Cal Poly football game being a spectacular event.

This Saturday's game will burst with excitement and animation, not only during the game, but also during the halftime show that will have a four-minute fireworks show and a performance by the Cal Poly marching band.

Delta Upsilon and Associated Students Inc. are sponsoring the event as part of the Centennial Celebration.

The fireworks are being put on by Pyro Spectaculars, a family-run business of one of the Delta Upsilon members.

A fraternity member of Delta Upsilon since 1999, Matt Gilfillan organized the fireworks event for the football game.

Gilfillan is a business junior concentrating on international management, and plans on going into the family business after he graduates. The fireworks display this weekend was a way for Gilfillan to bring the family business

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## ABC's of alcohol's effects

By Collin Hester  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Alcohol use is one of the first issues that confronts students in college. Because of this, Cal Poly is taking a stand to educate students about drinking and its effects.

Education for many students came Tuesday night when alcohol and substance abuse educator Mike Green spoke before a packed crowd at Mott Gym. Green addressed the necessity of personal accountability and

responsible decision-making for students to drink safely. There were an estimated 375 students at the first of his two presentations.

Green, owner of a group called Collegiate & Consultants on Drugs and Alcohol, has been traveling from college to college across America for 16 years to confront students about the seriousness of drugs and alcohol. He became an alcoholic while playing football in college and is now a

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## The 12 months of Cal Poly men

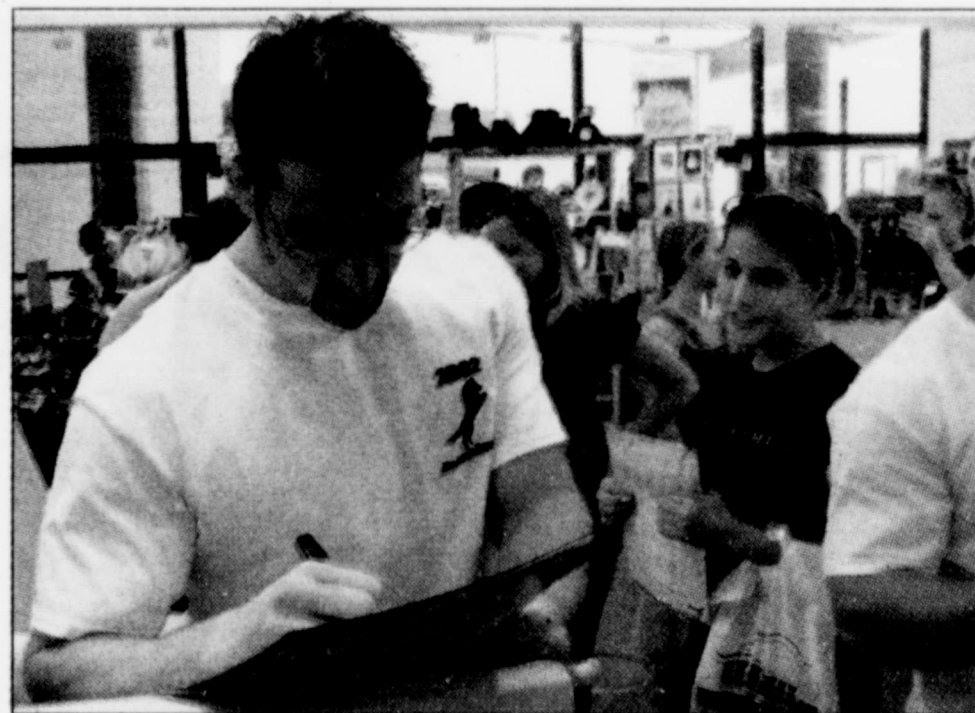
By Whitney Kobrin  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Bring out the fire extinguishers! Some friendly competition between male calendars on campus could bring spice to Cal Poly life.

Nick Ventimiglio shattered societal norms by using male sensuality to sell a product when he proposed his senior project. It's called the 2002 Mustang Review, a calendar for women.

Though Ventimiglio realizes that there will naturally be competition with the water polo calendar, he recognizes that their calendar is for fund-raising purposes, and is not trying to unseat them. He says that he was merely taking an opportunity to do something fun and enriching.

Ventimiglio has created a calendar from scratch, taking responsibility for all aspects of the creative process. In April, he formed a customer analysis to find out what the market would be like. He asked female students on both the Cal Poly campus and the Cuesta college campus whether they had any interest in a male review calendar and found that about 70 percent of those polled were interested, he said. Ventimiglio also researched what his competition would be like, looking at what calendars of its kind were available for purchase at El Corral, Campus Market, Aida's and Novel



AARON LAMBERT/MUSTANG DAILY

Mr. April, civil engineering senior Gabe Tuft, signs the 2002 Mustang Review calendar at El Corral on Thursday. "I've never done anything like this before," he said. "It's difficult to come up with new things to write."

Experience. Next, Ventimiglio researched printing costs, photography costs, model availability, retail contracts and how receptive local retailers would be to his idea. When only seven of 12 stores he contacted expressed interest in his calendar idea, Ventimiglio became skeptical, but decided to persist.

Before beginning, 50 male students were viewed and interviewed by six female judges. "Confidence shows in pictures," said Ventimiglio. Because of this, it was important that the models have positive per-

sonalities, he said.

"All of the models have helped me out through the process," Ventimiglio said. "They are very supportive of the calendar."

Within a week of hitting stores on Oct. 3, the career ambition-themed calendar has sold 170 of the 1,000 ordered calendars. The calendars are already available in El Corral, Campus Market and Cal Poly Downtown, and will soon be coming into Albertson's. Sales will continue

see CALENDAR, page 8



## DAILY Weather

### TODAY'S SUN

Rise: 6:07 a.m. / Set: 5:31 p.m.

### TODAY'S MOON

Rise: 1:10 a.m. / Set: 3:25 p.m.

### TODAY'S TIDE

AT PORT SAN LUIS

Low: 1:10 a.m. / -0.21 feet

High: 8:03 a.m. / 4.52 feet

Low: 1:12 p.m. / 2.42 feet

High: 6:58 p.m. / 5.44 feet

### 5-DAY FORECAST



#### SATURDAY

High: 72° / Low: 52°



#### SUNDAY

High: 78° / Low: 51°



#### MONDAY

High: 77° / Low: 51°



#### TUESDAY

High: 77° / Low: 52°



#### WEDNESDAY

High: 73° / Low: 52°

# Go UGS!

# The monarch of all butterflies

By Collin Hester

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It may be seen on crisp, winter mornings in the garden, upon the milkweed plants among the flowers adorned with dew. As it flies around gracefully, its sheer beauty and splendor become apparent from the sunlight glinting off its large vibrant orange wings with black and white markings, wings that could be those of a monarch butterfly.

Dennis Frey, ecologist and biology professor, and Helen Johnson, citizen scientist and Monarch Program member in San Diego, are making an informational video featuring some Cal Poly students that presents the latest research on the life of the monarch butterfly in the western United States.

"We're going to feature their natural history, their abundance, their patterns of migration and kinds of habitats that they use to overwinter at," Frey said.

Although western North American monarchs will be the main focus, the 34-minute video will compare their abundance and migration patterns to those found east of the Rocky Mountains, Frey said.

"The main objective is to create awareness and to compare and contrast the monarch butterfly's biology in the west with that in eastern North America," Frey said. The sec-

ond objective is to correct some erroneous information about monarch butterflies in terms of mating activity and migration, he said.

During the winter, western monarchs will migrate south on the stretch from Mendocino County to a large site at Pismo Beach, which draws over 50,000 visitors a year, Frey said.

Frey said that many visitors at the Pismo site are under the false impression that the butterflies stop there and then will eventually make their way to Mexico.

"This (the Pismo Beach site) is where they are programmed to arrive at, and that's as far as they go south," Frey said.

The video will be available on digital video disc (DVD) as well and will be targeted toward students in middle school up through college level, Frey said. It will be primarily sold to school systems, docent organizations and various agencies such as the California State Parks, Friends of the Monarch and the Monarch Program, he said. Once

the video is completed, it will have an inaugural showing at the Western Monarch Symposium on Nov. 11 in Fremont, Calif., according to the synopsis.

Jim Walth, third-year biology graduate student, expressed reasons why making such a video is so important.

"No one has ever, more than a footnote, mentioned the West Coast population (of monarchs) even though it's substantial," Walth said.

"(We need) public awareness of our west coast population, and this has conservation in mind. If you make people aware that there is this valuable aesthetically pleasing resource in California, then you can start to develop some conservation measures to protect those resources."

What makes monarchs unique is their dark orange wings and the male system of reproduction, he

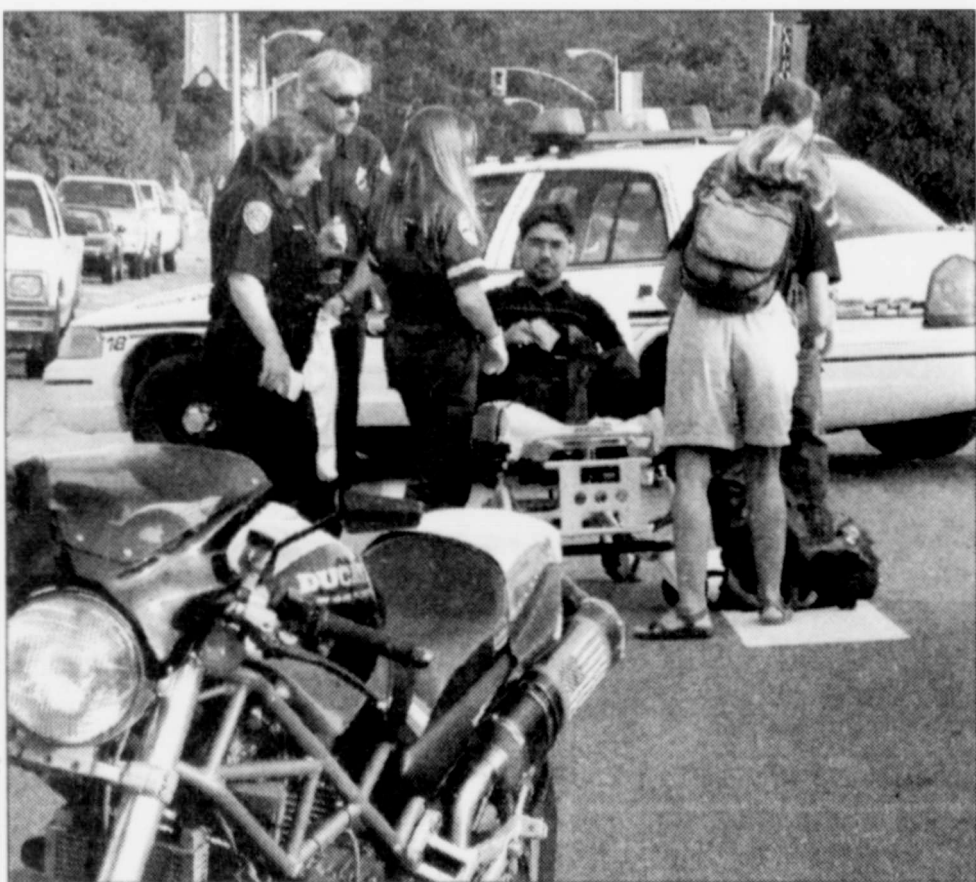
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AARON LAMBERT/MUSTANG DAILY

**Biology professor Dennis Frey is creating a video on the life of the Monarch Butterfly of the western United States. One of the goals of the video is to correct common misconceptions about monarch butterflies in terms of mating activity and migration.**

## Accident leads to minor injury



SONIA SLUTZKI/MUSTANG DAILY

The driver of a dark blue 2000-2001 Volkswagen Bug accidentally ran into a motorcyclist Thursday night outside of the parking structure on Grand Avenue, according to Sgt. Steve Schroeder of University Police.

The accident occurred as the Bug turned left into the roadway and hit the motorcycle with its right bumper. Two Cal Poly students were involved, but their names were not available as Mustang Daily went to press. Schroeder said an emergency ambulance took the motorcyclist to a hospital where he was treated for minor injuries.

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## National Briefs

**Bush speaks to American public**

WASHINGTON — President Bush made an address Thursday evening that summarized the current situation and made several requests. Bush said that the United States has accomplished a "great deal" in the war against terrorism, especially against Taliban and al Qaida training camps and air defenses. He said that all missions were going as planned.

Bush encouraged American citizens to "go about their business" in a normal fashion despite further terrorist threats; he also asked all American children to donate \$1 to help buy food and medicine for Afghan children.

— CNN

**FBI fears more attacks on U.S. soil, law enforcement on highest alert**

WASHINGTON — The FBI said that it received new information on Thursday that there may be additional attacks within the next several days in the United States, on U.S. interests overseas and abroad. But specific targets have not been identified.

Law enforcement agencies have been put on full alert for the second time this week and the FBI has requested extra security for crop-dusting operations. Supervisors of

water supplies, nuclear and electric power facilities, crop dusters and the drivers of hazardous waste trucks, among others, have been requested to boost security in case of attacks.

— AP

**U.S. image relay satellite launched**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — International Launch Services, a joint venture between Russian companies Khrunichev and Energia and U.S. company Lockheed Martin Corp., said that it launched a satellite for the National Reconnaissance Office (a U.S. intelligence agency that designs, builds and maintains spy satellites) on Wednesday.

Experts said that the satellite had image relay capabilities. The satellite orbits the earth at 25,000 miles high and was launched on an Atlas rocket. The satellite launch had been planned for months and is not specifically planned for the military action in Afghanistan.

— Reuters

**Third person infected with anthrax**

ATLANTA — A Florida woman's nasal swab has tested positive for anthrax. But a Center for Disease Control spokeswoman said the woman appears to be healthy and is not showing any anthrax symptoms. The second man who tested positive for anthrax from a

nasal swab test remains healthy as well. Neither person seems to have contracted the actual disease.

Anthrax infection usually occurs from skin contact with infected animals or from eating undercooked meat from infected animals. Several thousand anthrax spores must be inhaled before the bacterium attacks the lungs, making infection through inhalation rare. The disease cannot be transmitted from person to person.

The CDC has 15 investigators in Florida.

— Reuters

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.

## International Briefs

**South America**

BOGOTA, Colombia — On Thursday, the deaths of at least 55 people have been blamed on a series of massacres committed by extremist guerilla gunmen. On Wednesday in Valle del Cauca, 24 peasant men were killed by an anti-communist death squad, according to a Reuters report.

Also on Wednesday, in a separate attack in the town of Remolinos, 30 militia gunmen killed 12 people. Fourteen corpses were found in different provinces, but it is still unknown who is responsible for

those deaths.

Earlier this year, 40 Indians were killed by paramilitaries in the village of Naya.

The Colombian war has spanned 37 years and has claimed 40,000 civilian lives in the last decade. The United Self Defense Forces of Colombia is a far-right paramilitary organization that is responsible for some of the massacres and is classified as a terrorist organization. Their enemies, the Marxist guerilla groups FARC and ELN, are also accused of human-rights abuses.

— Reuters

**Middle East**

KABUL, Afghanistan — The first daylight air strike occurred in Kabul on Thursday. Targets included the eastern part of Kabul where an al-Qaida training base is located and a munitions dump in Kandahar.

The Taliban claim that 115 people were killed in Wednesday and Thursday's attacks, 15 of those were killed when a Mosque was reportedly hit by a missile. The reports have not been confirmed by any sources outside of the Taliban.

Pakistan has recognized for the first time that there are U.S. planes and personnel in their country but were careful not to classify them as military. They also stressed that no attacks against Afghanistan would be staged in Pakistan. More than 15 U.S. military aircraft have landed at the Pakistani base on Jacobabad in the last two days.

British armed forces leader, Adm. Sir Michael Boyce, has said that the military action in Afghanistan could last into next summer. The first U.S. death in the Afghanistan attacks is Air Force sergeant Evander Earl Andrews. He was killed in a heavy equipment accident in Qatar.

Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar's stepfather and 10-year-old son were killed when his house was struck by a bomb Tuesday, said fleeing Kandahar residents.

— AP and Reuters

**South Asia**

BANGLADESH — An image of the "Sesame Street" character, Bert, sporting a menacing grimace has been spotted on Muslim protest posters in Asia. The image is nestled between two images of Osama bin Laden.

The image started as an Internet spoof last month. It is unknown how the picture made it into the hands of unsuspecting demonstrators in anti-American rallies this week in Bangladesh.

Sesame Workshop, the New York, non-profit organization that does the licensing for "Sesame Street" products, is outraged and is exploring legal options to stop this unauthorized image of Bert.

— Reuters

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.



**ALMOST HALF** of college students who were victims of campus crimes said they were drinking or using drugs when they were attacked. Getting totally drunk at a party isn't just stupid — it puts you in danger.

**PARTY FOUL**

- Space drinks and try alternating food and drink.
- Limit your drinks to a sensible amount. Know your limit and respect it — don't be bullied into drinking more than you should.
- Consider not drinking at all. Ask for a soda and don't apologize or feel guilty for not drinking.

Be safe. Drink smart or don't drink at all.

**Female correspondents face cultural barriers in reporting on terror**

By Tara Weiss  
THE HARTFORD COURANT

They are clashing cultures.

One is a world that prefers women to leave the house covered from head to toe. In the most extreme areas, women must paint the windows of their homes so no one can see in.

In the other world, women compete for jobs with men, wear Ally McBeal-length skirts and get elected to public office.

Those worlds are colliding as female journalists are dispatched to cover the events in and around Afghanistan. As visitors, female journalists must strike a balance between respecting the Muslim culture and Islamic religion and doing their jobs.

"It's a fine line to have to walk," MSNBC's Ashleigh Banfield said. "It's frustrating when men won't address you or you can't go into an interview."

Banfield, co-anchor of MSNBC's "Newsfront," is praised in America almost as much for her style (black titanium Lafont glasses and sleek blond hairdo) as she is for her reporting. (People magazine did a spread on Banfield's hip glasses.)

But when she was sent on assignment to Islamabad, Pakistan, on Sept. 20, she colored her blond hair brown and cut it extremely short to blend in among the people of central Asia.

"I spent a year traveling this part of the world and found that blond hair was a nuisance," Banfield said Saturday, calling from the Marriott Hotel in Islamabad. "In a situation where my safety can be in jeopardy, it wasn't even a decision."

Banfield worked as a free-lancer in 1991 in southeast Asia, India, the Middle East and the Soviet Union. Upon arrival in Pakistan, she began

wearing clothing traditional to that region, including a shalwar (tunic) and dupata, a long head scarf.

Amy Kellogg, a London-based foreign correspondent for Fox News Channel, was sent to Islamabad shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Kellogg, an experienced war reporter, covered the war in Chechnya while based in Fox News Channel's Moscow bureau.

Kellogg takes a different approach. Rather than wearing traditional clothing, she wears baggy pants and tops.

"I don't want to offend people here; it's an Islamic country, although it's moderate," Kellogg said, also calling from the Marriott Hotel in Islamabad. "I have a suitcase full of head scarves, and I went on a shopping spree for baggy clothes before I left London. But Islamabad is a cosmopolitan city. Most women do cover their heads, but not all of them."

"I've been covering the political side of the story, so I've been speaking with officials and analysts," she said. "They're all cosmopolitan and have met Westerners. That said, if I end up in a place like Afghanistan, then I'll really have to change the way I do things."

Now Kellogg (also a blonde) covers her arms, legs, chest and neck. She travels with several male colleagues: a producer, cameraman and a local interpreter.

"Here it's a matter of respect and getting your job done," Kellogg says. "If you have people crowding around you, you can't work. But you don't want to offend people by being provocatively dressed."

Both women say their gender hasn't significantly hindered their ability to get the job done, but that could change if sent to Afghanistan, where women must wear a burka, a head-to-toe



By Leslie Edwards  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Webster defines serendipity as "an aptitude for making desirable discoveries by accident." However, in the movie "Serendipity," starring John Cusack and Kate Beckinsale, these "desirable discoveries" are no accident.

After fighting over the last pair of

black, cashmere gloves at Bloomingdale's in New York City during the holiday season, Jonathan Trager (John Cusack) and Sara Thomas (Kate Beckinsale) end up spending a magical evening together, which ends when Sara decides to tempt fate. As she reaches out to give Johnathan her name and number, a truck drives by and blows the paper out of her hands and into the mess of litter on the streets of New York. Sara sees this as a sign, but decides to give it one

more chance. She writes her name and number in a book ("Love in the Time of Cholera") and sells it to an undisclosed bookstore the following day. Jonathan writes his name and number on a \$5 bill and Sara uses it to purchase something at a newsstand. Sara tells Jonathan that if they are destined to be together, the items carrying their phone numbers, which are now circulating in New York, will be brought back into their own hands by fate.

Flash forward a few years and bet-

ter hairstyles later. Jonathan is about to get married to Hallie (Bridget Moynahan) and Sara just got engaged to Lars (John Corbett), a New Age musician. However, as the wedding plans are made, Jonathan and Sara

are reminded of each other several times, and so the frantic search begins.

They look in department stores and warehouses, as well as the streets of New York and all the way to San Francisco. The almost-meeting of Jonathan and Sara becomes a bit repetitive. Although you are laughing and wanting them to find each other, you still might think to yourself, "Come on, already."

Although there is no real thrill at the predictable end, it is still exciting to see them chase after each other through the streets of New York. The on-screen chemistry between Cusack and Beckinsale is perceptible, but the only time they act together is at the very beginning and the very end of the film.

The movie is at its best when the two act together, but the strong supporting actors play a huge role in adding to the comedy of this film. Dean Kasky (Jeremy Piven) plays the role of Cusack's best friend, an obituary writer for The New York Times, who's never really taken chances in his own life. He becomes transfixed by his friend's adventurous, crazy romanticism and aids him in finding his destiny.

Eve (Molly Shannon) plays a similar role as Beckinsale's close friend and a New Age shopkeeper.

Eve assumes a typical Molly Shannon role. The real kicker in this film is Eugene Levy, whose role as an anal Bloomingdale's salesman adds a definite comedic sense to the film. Cusack's role is a lot more comfortable than his role in America's Sweethearts and Beckinsale is as lovely as she was in Pearl Harbor, but with a British accent this time, (although she did have the Neve Campbell look in this film). British actor-turned-director Peter Chelsom (Hear My Song) does a good job harmonizing the coincidences and little moments when Jonathan and Sara almost meet. They are suspenseful, in a romantic comedy kind of way.

First-time writer Marc Klein writes a few stale jokes, but uses some witty stuff as well, especially Dean's "eulogy" for a love-lost Jonathan.

"Serendipity," though a predictable romantic comedy, should still leave a smile on your face as you walk out of the theater. Cusack and Beckinsale throw themselves into their roles, and although they don't have much on-screen time together, they can still make you believe in fate.

# You will believe in FATE



COURTESY PHOTO/WWW.MOVIEWEB.COM

John Cusack and Bridget Moynahan, above, star in 'Serendipity,' currently playing at movie theaters. Cusack and Moynahan play an engaged couple in the film, until fate steps in and turns their relationship upside down.

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Audit FY 2000-01 has  
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## TELECOMM

VOICE DATA VIDEO

Facilities Planning is gearing up for a two-year project to upgrade the university's telecommunications infrastructure. A presentation has been scheduled to give the campus community an opportunity to learn about TELECOMM.

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By Audrey Amara  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

For those people who like seeking trouble for fun, "Joy Ride" is a perfect example of the trouble coming back to haunt you.

The movie takes off right from the start by showing two brothers, Fuller and Lewis (played by Steve Zahn and Paul Walker, respectively), messing around with the citizen's band radio (a walkie-talkie style of radio) on a barren stretch of highway somewhere in Wyoming. Lewis had been on his way from

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school in California to pick up his friend Venna, played by Leelee Sobieski, who goes to Boulder College in Colorado. From there, they were going to drive across the country for the holidays in his new 1971 Chrysler Newport.

Of course, things get off schedule when Lewis has to make a detour to bail his brother out of jail in Salt Lake City, Utah, on a charge of drunken driving. Fuller is a "live on the edge" type of goofball and likes to make everything fun — whatever the cost.

On the way to pick up Venna, the brothers start goofing around on the CB radio and with a little egging on by his brother, Lewis seduces a truck driver who calls himself Rusty Nails. The driver is

# Taking the fun out of 'Road Trip'



Leelee Sobieski, above, stars as Venna, the girl of Lewis' (Paul Walker) dreams in 'Joy Ride,' currently playing at movie theaters.

looking for a woman named Candy Cane, and calls out for her over the CB radio.

Lewis, who does a great impression of a slightly accented woman's voice, pretends to be Candy Cane

and talks the lone truck driver into meeting "her" at one of the cheap roadside motels that is scattered alongside the never-ending stretch of highway.

The man in room 17 is next to

the room Lewis and Fuller are in. He is shown to be an obnoxious racist because he yelled at the Asian motel attendant, shoved Lewis on his way out the door of the motel office and therefore is a

perfect victim for the brother's prank.

After the brothers are settled in the hotel, the sound of a big rig is heard in the background as Rusty Nails arrives. Soon, voices are heard in the next room. Fuller and Lewis hear disturbing noises and call the office to report them. The next morning, a sheriff turns up at the brothers' door to question them about "the mess next door."

The brothers are questioned and told to leave the state, so they head out on the road again. Soon, they hear the CB radio crackle to life, with "Candy Cane?" coming over the frequency.

They have a near death experience involving Rusty Nails before getting to Boulder to pick up Venna, but agree not to tell her about the whole situation since "things are going well," Lewis said.

However, Venna soon gets involved in the big rig driver's murderous pranks. Even her rich roommate, who Venna is especially close to, gets involved and is kidnapped by Rusty Nails and used as bait to lure Venna and the brothers into his traps.

Somehow they always end up escaping. However, the movie does keep the audience on the edge of its seat with its ongoing murderous obstacles set up by the truck driver for fun.

The truck driver is never seen in the movie and at the end it is up to the viewer's imagination what happens to him.

Joy Ride leaves its audience with a hanging feeling, and there is a good chance there will be a sequel. It is a great movie for people who want to be scared and have a few laughs at the same time, and it's not as fake as other thrillers seem to be.

## Audiences won't go bananas for 'Iron Monkey'

By Katrina Lang  
THE GW HATCHET (GEORGE WASHINGTON U.)

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — With a mundane storyline and immature humor, Iron Monkey (Miramax) relies on sophisticated choreography to entertain but barely manages to capture audience approval.

A shallow plot and depthless characters act as a backdrop for fight scenes. The film seems like only an excuse to show off imaginative choreography from Yuen Woo-Ping, also the creative force behind The Matrix and Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.

Weaving fact and legend, Iron Monkey is the tale of a hero amid a corrupt government that sets out to help the oppressed people in Chinese Robin Hood fashion. Only known as the Iron Monkey, the main character can fly across buildings, do gravity-defying stunts and survive the deadliest of situations with acrobatic feats.

The governor forces a master fighter to hunt down the Iron



Shun-Yee Yuen, above, stars in the action film 'Iron Monkey,' which opens in theaters today.

Monkey. Their elaborate fight scenes are packed with ridiculous banter, resembling two 8-year-olds re-enacting a "Power Rangers" episode.

Fighting abilities become so cartoon-ish at times that it seems the viewer is watching a video game rather than a film.

The acting is painful, with Donnie Yen (Highlander: Endgame) in the role of Wong Kei Ying, the master fighter who battles the Iron Monkey (Yu Rong Guang).

Neither has notable acting ability, but their capability to do many of the stunts without special assistance is impressive. Yen and Guang display the "old school" style of kung fu that is dazzling yet unbelievable.

Intended to be a prequel to Once Upon A Time in China, also directed by Yuen Woo Ping, Iron Monkey (Miramax) follows in the Hong Kong movie tradition of breathtaking action sequences but fails to meet the standards of some of its more artful predecessors.

### Local Showtimes

#### Fremont

Bandits	(4:30), 7:15, 10:00
Iron Monkey	(4:40), 7:00, 9:30
Max Keable's Big Move	(4:00), 6:45, 9:15
Don't Say a Word	(3:10), 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

#### Downtown Centre 7 Cinema

Joyride	(3:10), 5:45, 8:10, 10:40
Corky Romano	(4:45), 7:15, 9:30
Serendipity	(3:00), (4:15), (5:15) 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00
Training Day	(4:15), 7:00, 9:45
Zoolander	(3:45), 6:00, 8:20, 10:45
Magikko: Omega Code II	(4:00), 6:45, 9:20

#### Sunset Drive-In San Luis Obispo

Hardball	7:00, 9:05
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#### Palm Theater San Luis Obispo

Hearts in Atlantis	4:15, 7:00, 9:15
Bread & Tulips	4:15, 7:00, 9:15
Liam	4:15
Apocalypse Now Redux	7:15



## Coffee crisis and fair trade choice

In many coffee-growing countries, crisis is brewing. International coffee prices have fallen by two-thirds since 1997, and no significant recovery is expected. The collapse has worsened rural poverty, spurred immigration to the United States and, in some areas, raised the specter of civil unrest. Coffee prices are currently at an all-time low, sliding below 80 cents a pound last August, remaining around 60 cents through April, and is now at 50 cents with no increase in sight. This is the dark side of coffee, the world's second-most-traded commodity after petroleum.

A key factor supporting these prices is the near-monopoly control of supply. Only four corporations – Procter and Gamble, Philip Morris, Sara Lee and Nestle – account for about 60 percent of U.S.

**Commentary** retail coffee sales and almost 40 percent of worldwide sales. U.S. corporations are making windfall profits on coffee. Starbucks, for example, reported a 38 percent rise in profits this year, caused in part by the decreased cost of raw materials and increased prices for its coffee drinks.

U.S. policy has also helped cause the decline of coffee prices. In the late 1980s, opposition from the Reagan administration forced the collapse of the International Coffee Agreement, a decades-old, cartel-like pact between coffee producing and consuming nations that guaranteed relatively high prices. After the pact ended in 1989 and the market was deregulated, prices plummeted.

For millions of impoverished farmers worldwide, coffee has become a cruel business. Producer prices are at an all-time low, while prices on the retail end are mostly at an all-time high. As a result, nations that cannot subsidize their farm sectors are falling deeper into debt while their people are becoming even more impoverished. In Mexico, media reports say tens of thousands of people who once made a living from coffee in southern Chiapas state have migrated to the nation's major cities and the U.S. border. In the deadliest border crossing recorded in Arizona, most of the 14 Mexicans who were found dead the week of May 22, 2001, were directly or indirectly dependent on the coffee industry in Vera Cruz.

Over the past two years, Guatemala's annual coffee exports have dropped in half, from \$600 million to \$320 million, and rural unemployment has soared to an estimated 40 percent. Some fear that the economic crisis could help undermine Guatemala's 1996 peace agreement, which ended 36 years of war between the government and leftist guerrillas.

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Marina Sterner is a chemistry senior.



## Letters to the editor

### Forum was informative but not balanced

Editor,

What happened to all the conservatives? While attending the "Special Forum on Terrorism & Politics" on Tuesday, I was educated, entertained and somewhat pleased with the panelists' opinions and responses to today's political subjects. However, it was lacking a major conservative to balance the heavily liberal-biased guests. I saw Scott Harshbarger, a former Democratic attorney general for Massachusetts. I also saw Patricia Ireland, former president for the National Organization for Women. I then listened to Larry Noble continually spew the standard liberal rhetoric.

Where was the big-time conservative to combat the views of the Democratic panel? The political exchange was declared a "forum" where different ideas can be exchanged and digested. The only problem was that there was no conservative base to make the occasion even more enlightening. The forum's goal was to be "stimulating" and "informative." While I must say that it followed through with its target, it would be foolish to claim that it would not be more "stimulating" or "informative" if there was a conservative voice to accompany the Democratic presence. In order to have a well-rounded discussion on political topics, there needs to be more than just a Democratic voice.

Ashley Campbell is a political science junior.

### Use of atomic bomb in Japan was not justified

Editor,

Briefly responding to Craig Darnell's "United States is attacking Taliban, not Muslim world" (Oct. 10), I'd just like to com-

ment that it is unintentionally funny, especially the part about refugee camps. I thought you were Bill Maher for a second.

However, in response to Josh Fint's "Previous actions in war saved American lives" (Oct. 10), I'd like to express my thorough abhorrence at the assertion that he makes in condoning the massacres in Vietnam and that the use of the atomic bomb in both Hiroshima and Nagasaki was justified so long as Americans remain alive and well. His regrettable comment was that "the use of [atomic] bombs was the best choice to expedite an end to that war."

I would like to remind Mr. Fint and fellow readers that the choice the United States made in 1945 cost 73,884 outright deaths, 74,909 injuries (which resulted in death in a matter of weeks) and countless other deaths decades later due to radiation poisoning. These deaths were in Nagasaki alone. The second bombing was much less destructive than Hiroshima, given the mountainous topography of Nagasaki. These deaths were nearly all civilians: ordinary men, women and children. These deaths of innocent civilians certainly did not include militant civilians who harbored explosives on their persons with the intent to eliminate American military personnel. As the bomb detonated at 11:02 a.m., Nagasaki residents were doing what we do on a weekday – going to work or to school.

Furthermore, I would like fellow readers to be aware that less than two miles from the hypocenter were nine primary schools, all three of the city's hospitals, four high schools, two technical schools, a Western medical college, Asia's largest Christian church and two prisons (containing POWs). The only military targets of interest were four factories and a lumber mill. At 11:03 a.m., Nagasaki became the world's second-largest graveyard.

As some would like us to believe, the massacre of at least 150,000 innocent, non-American lives is forgivable, yet the murder of at least 5,000 innocent American lives is not.

To me it's all the same: the unforgivable deaths of innocent civilians. Does an American life inherently bear greater significance over the life of a non-American individual? American lives do not have higher value than Japanese, Vietnamese, or Afghan lives – we are intrinsically equal. How would you feel if a country obliterated your home and murdered your family and told you it was because they didn't want to lose any more of their soldiers? I don't see the logic behind the idea that we have the full backing of morality to engage further in the cycle of bloodshed. Upholding the "moral" of self-preservation leads only to the cycles of violence, vengeance and hate – we sink to the level of fundamentalists and radical, religious states.

There is a piece of paper somewhere that states all men are created equal. Perhaps someone smudged out a word or two along the way.

Brian Takeuchi is a landscape architecture freshman.

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## FIREWORKS

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here.

"I wanted to get Pyro Spectacular incorporated into my life," Gilfillan said. "When I am here, I am pretty far removed from southern and northern California and there are not many shows done here."

Gilfillan said that the fireworks shows around here are usually on the Fourth of July and he is in New York doing the Macy's Fourth of July show at that time. He mentioned that he wanted his own show, and because it is hard to be involved in a show outside of San Luis Obispo, he decided to do one here at Cal Poly.

"I definitely got a better perspective of the business side of a show because of talking to sponsors and all that is involved," Gilfillan said.

Gilfillan started working on getting a fireworks show here for Cal Poly more than a year ago. He wanted to do it for spring Rush at Oceano Dunes, however, the show was shut down a week and a half prior to the event. Neighbors in Oceano called concerned about the event happening in the Snowy Plover habitat and so it was cancelled. He tried again to hold the firework show and had approached the Athletics Department about holding it at the Sports Complex this Friday, but it was moved to the football game instead.

"He approached us two months ago about having the show," said Chris Baker, assistant athletic director of marketing. "We discussed it and thought it would be exciting for a half-time show."

His family has run the fireworks business, Pyro Spectaculars, for more than 30 years. Gilfillan's dad and two uncles run the business, which was started by his grandfather, Robert Sousa. The business is based out of Rialto, but has offices all over California.

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**Matt Gilfillan**  
business junior

New Years at the Space Needle in Seattle, the Statute of Liberty Centennial, the Rolling Stones and Pink Floyd band tours and several Super Bowl halftime shows.

"I've been in a number of productions since then, some of them notable such as the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta and the Macy's Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular in New York," Gilfillan said.

The fireworks will be an aerial show shot south of the stadium. Pyro Spectaculars donated the entire show with no cost to the school or the fraternity. The show is called the Delta Upsilon Fireworks Spectacular and will immediately follow the Cal Poly marching band's performance of "The Pride of the Pacific."

Gilfillan started in the fireworks business when he was 13 years old with a production in Hong Kong. The family has also done shows such as the San Francisco Millennium,

## Interest in Mid East courses growing at Boston universities

By Elise Castelli  
THE DAILY FREE PRESS

(U-WIRE) BOSTON — Boston-area schools have reported a surging interest in both Middle Eastern and terrorism studies since the Sept. 11 attacks, forcing schools to accommodate the overflow of students.

Dr. Erik Goldstein, chairman of International Relations at Boston University, said BU will reinstate a course on terrorism and increase the seating capacity of similar courses this spring.

In response to a petition signed by 90 students, BU plans to bring back the class, Small Wars and Terrorism, which ended five years ago when the professor teaching it left the University.

Goldstein said interest in Middle Eastern courses was high even before the attacks, a fact which he attributed to the violence in the Middle East over the past few years.

"International relations was already one of the most popular majors, with about 800 (students)," Goldstein said. "The interest in the major remains strong and has been steadily increasing for some time."

In addition, BU students and teaching fellows have organized informal weekly forums since Sept. 11, where anyone interested in the subject can meet with professors to discuss the latest developments.

At Harvard University, Professor

Nor Yalman said he has also seen a marked increase in interest, noting the growth of his class on the formation of the Middle East since World War II. Enrollment in Yalman's class, usually 80-90 students, has jumped to 300, he said.

Yalman has adapted his course to allow for 10-minute updates on the situation during each class. The course, Yalman said, is also available on the Internet, so interested students who are not in the class can access the information as well.

According to Yalman, Harvard may also hold special lectures through its International Relations department, although nothing is definite yet.

questions about reasons behind terrorism.

Northeastern Professor Dennis Sullivan, chairman of Political Science, said he has had to turn students away from his Arab-Israeli Conflict class, which, with 70 students, now holds more than double the number of students it typically allows. Sullivan said he also had to restructure his class to create time to discuss the terrorist attacks and to answer students' questions.

Noting growing interest in the subject, Sullivan initiated a series of teach-ins open to the Northeastern community to aid the students' search for answers.

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**Erik Goldstein**

chairman of International Relations, Boston University

Middle Eastern studies courses have also experienced significant enrollment spikes at Northeastern University, according to spokeswoman Christine Phelan. Phelan said three classes in particular have seen a substantial increase in enrollment, and noted the content of one class, Introduction to International Affairs, was changed to help answer students'

"We needed to have a teach-in because you can't tackle these issues (in lecture)," Sullivan said. "It's so complicated — the history, the culture, politics, implications, consequences. ... So we spread out these teach-ins for the entire semester."

Phelan said the first lecture on Oct. 3 was standing room only, and additional lectures will follow.

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## MONARCH

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said.

"The males do have this macho system of reproduction where they actually jump onto females and try to overpower them," Frey said.

The butterflies are found throughout the United States when breeding in the summer and spring, laying their eggs on milkweed plants, Frey said. There are small populations present up into Canada and down into Mexico.

Because of the greater presence of monarchs in the eastern United States, most scientific research has been of those butterflies. In December 2000, Johnson contacted Frey about making a video concen-

trating on the western population.

"The focus has always been historically on the monarch population in the East because it's at least 100 times larger than our population in the West," Frey said.

Because of the little research and documentary productions created for western monarchs, "the general public, educators, and even planners have had limited access to information, and in many cases, erroneous information about the natural history, abundance, patterns of migration, and conservation issues about monarch populations in western North America," Frey said in his video synopsis.

According to the synopsis, the video will contain a combination of ground and aerial shots that will be used at 11 California habitats to

show the vast diversity among western wintering sites.

Close-up photography of mating behaviors will yield new perspectives on reproductive activity in this species, and commentary on the significance of tagging studies to record trends in population abundance, according to the synopsis.

Scientists, land-stewards and citizen scientists will be shown in order to give a visual comprehension of the natural and human-related risks that western North American monarchs face.

Featured in the film along with Frey and Johnson are some Cal Poly students, including Bobby Gendron, environmental horticulture science major and milkweed expert, and Walth.

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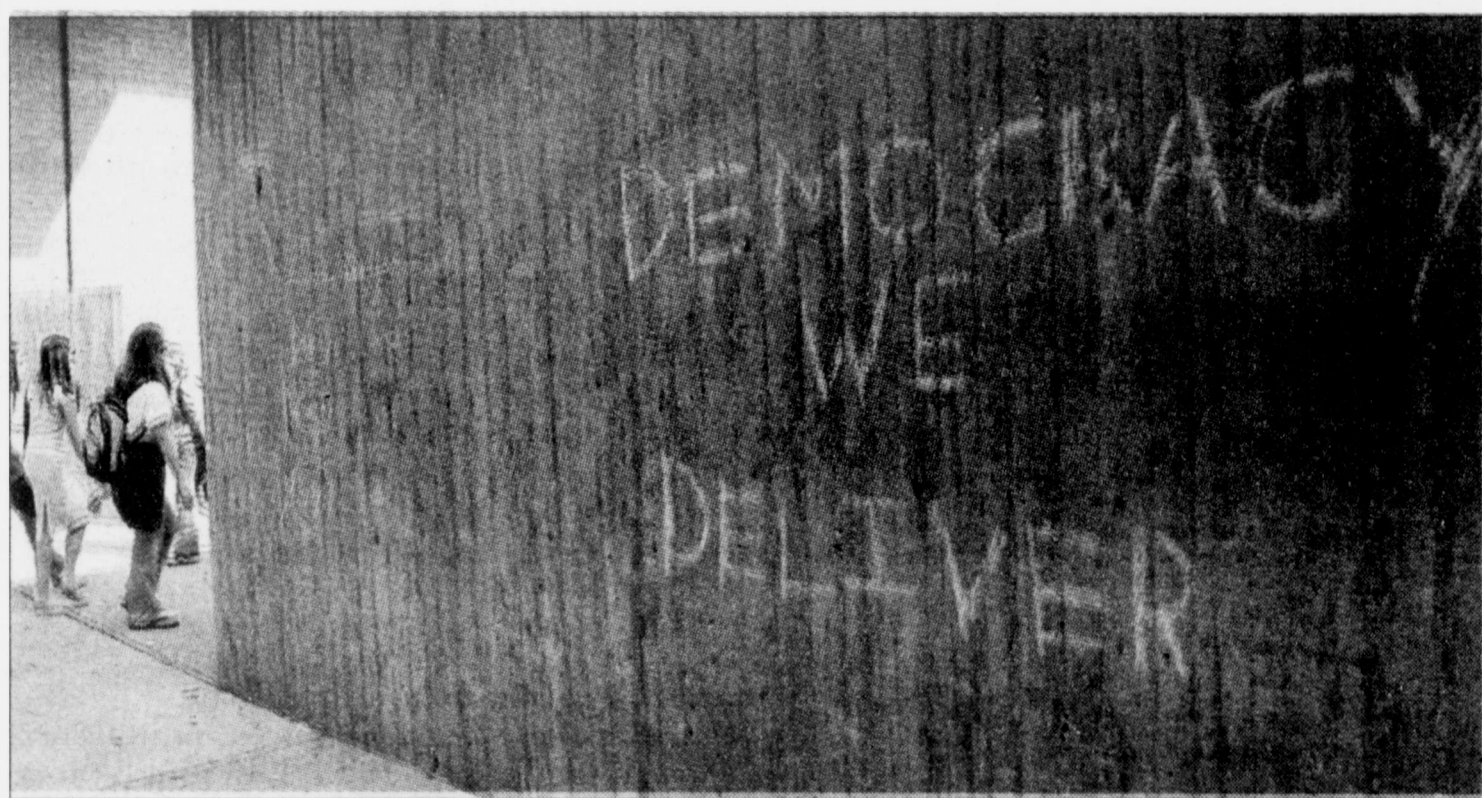
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Unknown artists express their opinions regarding the U.S. attacks on Afghanistan in art displayed on the side of a wall in the University Union. Displays such as this have been seen on campus for the past few days.

## ALCOHOL

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recovering alcoholic who has been sober for 23 years.

"I come to tell people that any one given drunk on any one given night could cost you everything," Green said.

The aim of his presentation was not about stopping alcohol consumption, but learning how to control it by means of coaching, where everyone makes sure drinkers drink responsibly. Also, he wanted to make clear the difference between alcoholism and alcohol problems.

"My program is about coaching, it's not about taking the alcohol away," Green said.

Alcohol poisoning is most prevalent on big, social occasions such as 21st birthdays and bachelor/bachelorette parties, Green said.

Between the ages of 18 and 21, most drinkers in the United States consume more alcohol than in other times in their lives, according to the American College Health Association. Within this age group, binge drinking (five drinks per drinking session for men and four for

women) occurs more often among college students than non-college students. In a study by the ACHA, 67.5 percent of college students had consumed alcohol within the past 30 days, and 40 percent took part in binge drinking at least once within two weeks of the survey.

One in 10 people who drink will become dependent, according to the ACHA.

A 1999 Core Survey taken at Cal Poly showed that 60 percent of its students have zero to four drinks a week and 80 percent drink less than two times a week, if at all.

Another problem for alcohol drinkers is not knowing exactly what an alcohol problem is, he said.

"The number one thing I think you don't know is if you have an alcohol problem or not," Green said. "You don't have to be an alcoholic to have an alcohol problem."

Ryan Heinrich, a kinesiology senior, said he didn't realize that there are such alcohol-related problems.

"What I got out of it was a better understanding of the differentiation of being an alcoholic versus a one-night drinking problem," Heinrich said.

Students need to learn a tech-

nique called spotting and apply it to occasions when there is alcohol being consumed, he said. This technique consists of everyone watching out for one another at places where drinking occurs. If someone has had too much to drink, then his friend should take their car keys and offer a ride home, he said.

To present statistics of those in the bleachers, he said 95 percent of students will not become alcoholics, but many will have problems with alcohol.

There is a fine line between alcohol use and alcohol abuse, just as in controlled substances, Green said. According to ACHA, alcohol or drug abuse is described in terms of how it is being used. If it is used in a way that affects one's behavior, relationships, finances or performance in school, work or athletics, then one may be considered an alcoholic.

Shannon Jerger, biology senior, said that drinking has to be distinguished from getting drunk.

"There has to be a line between drinking and going out and getting yourself wasted," Jerger said. "It (Green's speech) is special how it raises awareness. You don't have to go out just to get drunk."

## MEETING

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their permit revoked. Also, with the "use permit," if anything goes wrong in the house it is no longer just the responsibility of the tenants, but the entire fraternity.

The fraternity had a lot riding on the commission's decision. Allen said they had to pay a \$2,600 non-refundable fee just to turn in the application.

Allen vowed to the commissioners that this house would not be used for parties but merely to "unite our members and have a place to call our own." He also said Phi Delta Theta has an alcohol-free housing policy that they adopted two years ago, and as a registered fraternity house, they could lose their charter if alcohol is found on the premises.

The planning commission seemed more than pleased with the fraternity's presentation. Commissioner Jim Aiken personally commended Allen during the meeting.

"I am intrigued with the charter and the alcohol-free concept," Aiken said.

Chairman Stephen Peterson was one of the two commissioners who voted against the request and he did so because he did not agree with the noise conditions that were added to the permit.

"They are already regulated to the

point where they can't do anything. Why add more to it?" Peterson said.

Even though the planning commission granted the fraternity their request for a "use permit," they cannot officially put up their letters for another 10 days, Shoals said. He said the public has 10 days to file an appeal.

The city's big box ordinance was also discussed at Wednesday's meeting. Big-box stores refer to chain retail stores like Target or Walmart.

**Chris Allen**

Phi Delta Theta vice president

The commission decided on strict parking restrictions and to limit single-story retailers to 110,000 square feet. This decision, however, left the door open to increasing the square footage to 137,500 if the developer was willing to build multiple stories. In this event, the commission agreed that the ground floor be limited to 80,000 square feet. This hurts the largest big-box stores, such as Costco and Home Depot, who usually only have single-story buildings, but leaves room for department stores.

The commissioners also recommended retailers build no more than one parking space per 300 square feet of floor, in an attempt to limit the vast amount of asphalt that typically accompanies large stores.

The Planning Commissions' actions were only recommendations; the City Council is expected to take up the issue for a final decision in November.

## CALENDAR

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through Jan. 11 for the price of \$12.95.

As a business major, Ventimiglio wanted to learn the entrepreneurial skills he would need in the future.

"The entire process has been wonderful experience," Ventimiglio said. "I learned more experiencing firsthand than I could have in the classroom." He added, "though it was a growing experience, it was a lot to take on in addition to 17 units."

The models will appear at The Graduate on Oct. 20, take part in a

model auction for one date with a model of choice toward the end of this quarter and another event at SLO Brewing Co. with date pending.

All proceeds of the model auction, as well as a portion of the calendar sales, will be donated to the World Trade Center relief effort.

If all goes well this year, there are plans to repeat the idea next year. Gentlemen, be patient, because Ventimiglio said that, depending on the success of this year's calendar, there may be a female calendar next year.

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